

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed on September 16, 2003 in which Claims 1-20 were allowed. With this reply, Applicants have addressed the Examiner's objections to the drawings and the specification.

I. Objection to the Drawings.

In section 1 of the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the drawings because reference characters 10 and 18 are not shown in Figure 1. In response, Applicants have amended the specification to clarify that the load floor system 10 is not shown in FIG. 1 and is instead labeled in FIGS. 3-5. The load floor system is generally obscured from view by the seating system shown in FIG. 1 and accordingly is not labeled. Further, Applicants have amended the specification to refer to FIG. 4 when referring to reference numeral 18.

In section 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner noted that reference character 3 in FIG. 11 is not mentioned in the description. Applicants have removed reference character 3 and the associated lead line from FIG. 11 and have submitted a replacement sheet with the corrected drawing along with this Amendment.

In view of the amendments to the specification and drawings, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the objections to the drawings.

II. Objection to the Specification.

In section 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner noted that Applicants have referred to "VELCRO®" in two locations in the specification without the appropriate generic terminology. Accordingly, Applicants have amended both paragraphs of the specification to make reference to "hook and loop type fasteners." Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the objection to the specification.

III. Allowed Claims.

In section 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that Claims 1-20 are allowed. Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowance and have not made any amendments to Claims 1-20 in the present reply. Accordingly, Applicants request a Notice of Allowance.

IV. Conclusion.

Claims 1-20 are pending in the present application. Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

Respectfully submitted,

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